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This guide to reference works on government contracting in the General Accounting Office Library System is intended for the person without a legal background or a familiarity with the procedures of government contracting who is seeking information or planning to do work in this area. Its purpose is to introduce this person to the basic reference tools which serve as guides to research in the field. This listing is selective and provides only brief descriptions of the sources. Further assistance may be obtained by consulting reference librarians in the Technical and Law Libraries, particularly the latter as most of the works herein cited are located there. The compilers of this bibliography are John Heyer and Betty Conway.

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Guides to the Procurement Field

These guides furnish overviews of various aspects of the procurement field, such as contract administration and purchasing. Descriptions cover appropriate procedures, laws and regulations and longterm developments in the field. The guides listed below are the latest editions available. Those listed in the following section, Reporting Services, should be used to supplement and update the works listed here.

Commerce Clearing House

1972 Government Contracts Guide. New York, 1972. Law
KF849.C6

This explanation of contract work discusses eligibility, bidding requirements, specifications, sources of information, labor rules, subcontracting, and contract termination.

Cuneo, Gilbert A.

Government Contracts Handbook. Washington, Machinery and Allied Products Institute and Council for Technological Advancement, 1972. Law - Procurement Section

Devised as a practical working handbook, this guide is intended for the business executive charged with administration of government contract work and for his legal advisor. A bibliography is included.

McBride, John Cosgrave, and Isidore H. Wachtel.

Government Contracts: Cyclopedic Guide to Law, Administration, Procedure. New York, D.P. Indices, 1963- . (looseleaf) Law Ref KF849.M23

A frequently updated legal treatise on government contract law and procedure intended for contractors doing business with the government.

Government Contractor Briefing Papers. Washington, Federal Publications, 1963- . Bimonthly. (looseleaf) Law - Procurement Section

Concise by-lined articles by nationally known government and industry representatives covering a wide range of subjects from bidding to termination. Annual procurement bibliography of significant recent publications appears in the first issue for each year, cumulated in the bound volumes.

Construction Briefings. Washington, Federal Publications. Monthly, (1978-). Law - Periodicals

Similar to the above publication, but dealing with construction contracting with the Federal government.

Riemer, W. H.

Handbook of Government Contract Administration. Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, 1968. Tech HD3858.R5 (Also in Law)

This book is designed to assist the contract administrator. There is an introduction to each subject, an analysis of what the subject covers, a review of the appropriate contract clauses, and finally how the contract administrator must operate in order to meet the requirements for that particular subject.

United States. Small Business Administration.

U.S. Government Purchasing and Sales Directory. 8th ed. Washington, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1972. Tech Ref JKL673.A6 (Also in Law)

The directory consists of an alphabetical listing of products and services bought by military departments and civilian agencies, followed by a discussion of ways the Small Business Administration aids industry in obtaining government contracts.

Reporting Services

These services provide the researcher with information on current developments in the field of procurement, including activities of agencies and contractors and new laws, agency rules and judicial decisions.

Bureau of National Affairs.

Federal Contracts Report. Washington. Weekly. Law - Procurement Section.

Weekly coverage of significant developments in the field of government contracting, including actions of regulatory agencies, courts, the General Accounting Office, Contract Appeals Board, and Congress.

Commerce Clearing House

Government Contracts Reporter. Chicago. 8 v. (looseleaf)
Law - Procurement Section

Topically arranged collection of laws, regulations, case decisions, rulings, forms, with explanatory comment. Includes detailed subject indexes, case tables, and finding lists.

Developments in Government Contract Law. 1975- . Chicago, American Bar Association, Section of Public Contract Law, 1976- . Law Ref KF849.A1D4

Annual summaries of the preceding year's developments in government contract law, discussed in lengthy scholarly articles.

Government Contractor. Washington, Federal Publications.
Biweekly. Law - Procurement Section.

Reports and analyzes all significant U.S. government contracts rulings and regulations.

Government Contracts Citator. Washington, Federal Publications, 1976. Basic 1976 cumulation with quarterly issues. Law - Procurement Section

This computer-produced legal citator provides complete and comprehensive listings of all citations in legal and other literature of available government contracts decisions rendered by the courts, The Comptroller General, and all agency boards.

Government Prime Contracts and Subcontracts Service.

Covina, Calif., Procurement Associates, 1968- . Four vols. with supplements. Law Ref KF849.P74

This service, updated monthly, provides information on procedures and developments in all fields of government contracting.

Procurement Systems Digest. v. 1- . 1978- . Annandale, Va., EDP News Services. Tech - Periodicals

Monthly newsletter on developments in the procurement field. Includes news on developments and analyses of government regulations and procedures, and information on specific major contracts.

United States. General Accounting Office.

Comptroller General's Procurement Decisions. v. 74- , 1974- . Washington, Federal Publications, 1974- . Law Ref JK1673.A54

Contains actual photographic reproductions of all procurement decisions, both published and unpublished, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Decisions are indexed by B-number, by volume and page of the official published decisions and by subject.

Texts and Research Studies

The materials in this section were prepared in connection with instructional or research programs. They provide detailed information, including the fruits of scholarly research, on their topics.

Belden, David Leigh, and Ernest G. Cammack.

Procurement. Revised ed. Washington, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1973. Tech UC263.M3 1973.

Intended for use in Industrial College courses, this text emphasizes military procurement. A short bibliography is included.

Government Contract Claims: Course Manual. Washington, Federal Publications. 1973. Law KF848.G65

Text of a five day course sponsored by the Government Contracts Program of George Washington University and by Federal Publications, Inc.

Nash, Ralph C., Jr., and John Cibinic, Jr.

Federal Procurement Law. 3d ed. Washington, George Washington University, 1977. Law KF848.N3 1977

Intended both as a text for courses in government procurement law and a "desk book" for practicing attorneys in the field, this work contains lengthy discussions of the various elements of government contract law and of the general principles of contract law underlying the process. Major cases are mentioned and frequently excerpted. Includes indices to cases, statutes, regulations cited and subjects.

George Washington University. Government Contracts Program.
Government Contracts Monographs. no. 1-11. Washington,
1966-1974. Law KF849.A1G6

A series of studies on aspects of the government contract process, produced by the University's Government Contracts Program. Topics covered include contract warranties, changes and mistakes in contracts, specification interpretation, cost determination, delays and acceleration, and equal employment.

Dictionaries

Keyes, W. Noel.

Keyes Encyclopedic Dictionary of Procurement Law. New York,
Oceana Publications, 1976- . (looseleaf) Law Ref KF847.5.K49

Over 1000 single paragraph definitions of specialized terms cover all areas of private and public procurement at the local, state, and federal levels.

United States. Commission on Government Procurement.
Glossary of Procurement Terms and Definitions. Washington,
1972. Law Ref JK1673.A46

The draft version of a "Commission glossary" of procurement terms, this guide includes citations to government procurement regulations with the term definitions.

Bibliographic Guides to Procurement Literature

Procurement Literature Abstracts. v. 1- , 1977- .
Alexandria, Va., Federal Acquisition Institute. Bimonthly.
Tech Ref Z7164.B95F4

Annotated listings of recent periodical articles concerned with procurement and received by the FAI Library. Articles are grouped by subject within the procurement field.

United States. Commission on Government Procurement.
Preliminary Bibliography of Materials Relating to
Government Procurement: Working Document. Washington, 1970-
71. Law Ref Z7164.B95U4

Lengthy unannotated bibliography, with two cumulating
supplements, of materials on a wide variety of fields
related to government contracts. Most entries are periodical
articles but books and reports are also included in an
attempt to cover relevant literature from 1955 to 1971.

United States. Department of Defense.
A Guide to Sources of Information for Procurement Research.
Developed by the Army Procurement Office. Washington, 1975.
Law Ref Z7164.B95U49

Detailed annotated bibliography on reference sources for
procurement research, including published reference works,
data bases and related materials. Companion volume to
Resources for Performing Procurement Research (below).

United States. Department of Defense.
Resources for Performing Procurement Research. Developed
by the Army Procurement Research Office. Washington, 1975.
Law Ref Z7164.B95U5

Companion volume to above entry. Lists research reports
and discusses agencies and organizations performing research.

Periodicals

National Contract Management Quarterly Journal. [v. 1,
1967- .] Arlington, Va., National Contract Management
Association, 1967- . Law - Periodicals

Articles on a wide range of subjects on federal
government procurement and contracting. Frequency of issue
has varied. Title until 1978: National Contract Management
Journal.

Public Contract Law Journal. v. 1- , 1967- . Chicago,
Section of Public Contract Law, American Bar Association.
Law - Periodicals.

Official journal of the ABA Section of Public Contract
Law. Contains learned articles on all fields of government
contracting.

Yearbook of Procurement Articles. v. 1- , 1940/61- .
Washington, Federal Publications, 1966- . Law KF849
.ALY4

Contains in unabridged original form full page photographic reproductions of significant articles on government contracting published in leading periodicals during the previous year.

Acquisition Regulations

The Defense Department and General Services Administration are currently developing a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) which will replace and consolidate all existing regulations on government procurement and will be the uniform set of regulations on procurement for both civilian and military agencies. It is scheduled to appear in draft form in stages between July 1978 and February 1979. Further information, including a timetable and table of contents for the new Regulation, may be found in the Federal Register, vol. 43, no. 128, July 3, 1978, pp. 28870-28873. Until the new Regulation is in force the older regulations will be used. Major components of the current system of regulations are described below. In addition, individual procurement regulations for many agencies may be found in the Law Library.

United States. Department of Defense.
Armed Services Procurement Regulations (ASPR). Washington.
(looseleaf) Law - Procurement Section

Contains regulations which establish uniform policies and procedures for the procurement of supplies and services, excluding specified transportation services, by Defense Department organizations, including the armed services. Supplemented by Defense Procurement Circulars. Alphabetical subject index is at the end. These regulations also appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 32.

United States. Department of the Air Force.
Air Force ASPR Supplement. Washington. (looseleaf) Law -
Procurement Section

United States. Department of the Army.
Army Procurement Procedure (APP). Washington. (looseleaf)
Law - Procurement Section

United States. Navy Department.
Navy Procurement Directives (NPD). Washington. (looseleaf)
Law - Procurement Section

Intended both as a text for courses in government procurement law and a "desk book" for practicing attorneys in the field, this work contains lengthy discussions of the various elements of government contract law and of the general principles of contract law underlying the process. Major cases are mentioned and frequently excerpted. Includes indices to cases, statutes, regulations cited and subjects.

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